

STAND BY CHAUFFEUR

Misses Shonts Justify Speeding Away from Collins.

FIRST STATEMENT IS ISSUED

Glen Echo Official Is Censured for Firing Revolver at Party-Driver. Fails to Appear for Trial—Autists Prepare to Fight Against Reappointment of the Town Marshal.

V. D. Bell, the Shonts' chauffeur, failed to appear for trial at Glen Echo yesterday on the charge of having violated the speed limit by passing the suburb last Saturday night. Later in the day, however, The Washington Herald was able to secure for the first time the story of the attempted arrest of the Shonts party from members of the household. The barrier of reserve that had guarded the "other side" of the story was broken down last night, and Miss Margaret Shonts related the details of the incident. In her story she frankly admitted the violations of the speed laws, but censured the action of Marshal Charles P. Collins, of Glen Echo, who attempted the arrest, and who, said Miss Shonts, fired his revolver directly at the automobile, instead of in the air as the officer claimed.

It was also brought out that earlier on the evening of the Glen Echo episode the party had been stopped while running toward Chevy Chase by a motor-cycle police officer of the Seventh precinct, Officer Trevis, who reported that they were hitting a thirty-five-mile-an-hour gait when halted. Miss Shonts said that this report was an exaggeration, but that they must have been going at the rate of eighteen or twenty miles an hour.

"It was rather unjust," said Miss Shonts, speaking of the Chevy Chase arrest, which resulted in the chauffeur appearing at the station last Tuesday and depositing collateral which later was forfeited. "We were running about 18 or 20 miles an hour, and after being stopped by the police officer, we naturally felt somewhat displeased, and we did not want it to occur again. We went out the Conduit road and were running alone at about 12 miles an hour. You know the speed limit at Glen Echo is six miles, but any one at all acquainted with the mechanism of a large car, knows that it is impossible to keep such a machine going at so slow a rate of speed.

Raced from Collins.

"As we drew near Glen Echo we saw a man come riding toward us on a bicycle, and our chauffeur told it must be this man Collins, the Glen Echo policeman who is making so much trouble. We told Bell not to let him catch us, and then, of course, we began to go very quickly. The officer followed us, but we outdistanced him and he stopped. We thought he would telephone ahead, thinking that we would continue on toward Great Falls, and we decided to outmaneuver him. "We ran along to the next turning place and then started back. Pretty soon we saw his bicycle coming straight toward us, and if we hadn't been going so fast one of us would probably have been hit by the bullet.

Not Warranted in Shooting.

"We feel that no police officer has the right to fire upon people under such circumstances," said Miss Shonts. "The reason Bell did not appear there for trial yesterday, was because he had been ordered not to do so by Mrs. Shonts or her daughters. It was claimed this order countermanded one supposed to have been given by Mr. Shonts, who is said to have told Bell to go out for the trial.

"I don't care to say anything about this," said Miss Shonts, "but I really don't see why Bell should go. This man Collins is the one that should be tried. We were guilty of exceeding the speed limit and we did it purposely to avoid the officer, but that is not sufficient grounds for a man taking a chance on killing one of his passengers." Reports from the automobilists of Washington and from certain citizens of Glen Echo indicate that there will be strong opposition to the reappointment, as town marshal, of Charles P. Collins, whose term expires the 1st of May. Although appointed by the mayor, the appointment must be confirmed by the town council, a state of affairs which lends an added interest to the coming election of two members of that body.

Seek Collins' Removal.

The opponents of Collins, it is understood, will endeavor to secure the election of councilmen who will not sanction the action of the mayor should he decide to reappoint that official.

"I have not as yet decided upon the course to be pursued in reference to the reappointment of Collins," said Mayor Garrett yesterday. "In many ways he has made an excellent officer, as in the closing of the speakies and the dispersal of disorderly assemblages on the Conduit road.

"With regard to the complaints of automobilists of his manner in making arrests, it must be remembered that it is impossible to secure a Chesterfield at town marshal or deputy sheriff. I have recently talked with Collins in regard to this subject, and impressed upon him that he must use discretion in the exercise of his official authority. In this he has promised to obey me, and I think there will be less cause for complaint from this source in the future."

McCleary Is Sworn In.

Ex-Representative James T. McCleary, of Minnesota, yesterday took the oath of office as Second Assistant Postmaster General, succeeding W. S. Shallenberger, of Pennsylvania.

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BOY TO BE RETURNED NOW.

Father of Henry Wallingsford Provides for His Transportation.

A telegram stating that they had under arrest Henry Wallingsford, the twelve-year-old boy who has been missing from his home at Nineteenth and E streets southeast for about ten days, was received by Capt. Boardman yesterday from the police of Philadelphia.

Several days ago the boy was taken in custody at York, Pa., at the request of the local police department, but was released when money for his transportation to this city was not sent. The boy's father, when informed of his arrest yesterday, however, consented to provide the funds, and the money was immediately forwarded.

The police were requested yesterday afternoon to look for Wilbur Carroll, aged eleven, who has been missing from his home, at 225 Twelfth street northeast, since Thursday morning.

DENY HISTION OWES THEM.

Three Alleged Creditors Reply to Bankruptcy Proceedings.

David A. Greenlee, J. Thilman Hendrick, and Ephraim S. Randall yesterday filed sworn affidavits in the District Supreme Court, denying the statement made in the petition for voluntary bankruptcy recently filed by Walter Hieston, that they held his papers for \$30,000, \$25,000, and \$50,000, respectively, a large part of which, according to Mr. Hieston's petition, is secured by stocks and bonds in their possession.

They deny that they hold any security belonging to Hieston or his estate, and Capt. Randall further states that Hieston is not now indebted to him, and has never been indebted to him.

DOVER AND FORAKER MEET

Secretary Working to Establish Harmony Among Leaders.

Ohio Republican Association Meets, but Avoids Taking Sides in State Controversy—Officers Elected.

Elmer Dover, secretary of the Republican National Committee, who appears to be engaged in an effort to bring about harmony between the Taft and Foraker forces, had luncheon with Senator Foraker yesterday. Mr. Dover has been credited with being in favor of Mr. Taft's candidacy, but his relations with Mr. Foraker are harmonious.

Senator Foraker is going to Ohio next week to remain a fortnight, and it is expected that he will then begin in earnest the fight which he has evidently undertaken to prevent the Republican State convention from endorsing Secretary Taft for President.

The policy of the Ohio Republican Association of the District of Columbia in the coming campaign is to support the nominee of the convention, whether he be Taft, Foraker, or a "dark horse," as announced at a meeting of that organization last night. President James W. Bell, of the Second Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, said that it was not thought that the association would endorse as a candidate for the nomination either Taft or Foraker. "That," said he, "is a question that we will leave to the leaders. The Republican candidate, whoever he may be, will receive the earnest support of the association."

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: the secretary being instructed in each instance to cast a unanimous ballot: President, James W. Bell, first vice president, George P. Dunham; second vice president, John D. Griffith; secretary, H. B. Gram; financial secretary, Sidney J. Howell, and treasurer, W. D. Hughes.

Executive committee—P. M. Ashford, C. L. Larrimore, L. W. Kearney, Emanuel Ream, and U. H. Helster. Delegates to the League of Republican Clubs—W. L. Symonds and T. M. Sullivan, the retiring president.

MACARTHUR DISPLAYS TACT.

Sidesteps Delicate Situation and Obtains Assignment at Own Home.

Lieut. Gen. MacArthur has received preferential treatment in his assignment to Milwaukee, where he will prepare his report on recent personal observations in China and India during a tour which he made upon orders from the department. In going to Milwaukee for the purpose of writing up his observations, Gen. MacArthur sidesteps a delicate situation, while at the same time securing an assignment to his own home. Maj. Gen. James F. Wade, who is now in command of the Atlantic Division, is to retire next month. It had been expected that Gen. MacArthur would succeed him in this most desirable assignment in the active service.

Pretty broad hints were, however, dropped that the President wanted Gen. Leonard Wood to assume this command on his return from the Philippines, and in view of the fact that Gen. MacArthur is not on the best of terms at the White House, he decided to accept what amounts to a "sneaky" retirement rather than make a stand for his rights. It is also a fact that the War Department has decided to abolish the division commands and return to the old system of dividing the army into department commands.

MacArthur is the Lieutenant General of the Army, and it would hardly be commensurate with the dignity of an officer of this rank to become a mere department commander.

Women's Clubs to Meet.

The District Federation of Women's Clubs will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Public Library, with Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main presiding. At the meeting Mrs. Josephine Rich will read a paper on "Recent Forestry Legislation." John E. Lathrop will speak on the "City Beautiful," and Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey on the "National Constitution as it Affects the District."

National Law School Debate.

"Resolved, That the publication and details of obscene and sensational criminal trials in newspapers is against public policy and should be restricted." This is the subject for debate at the National University Law School at 7:30 o'clock to-night. The speakers on the affirmative are G. A. McElroy, F. E. Hunt, and J. F. Carr; negative, G. P. Freeman, T. W. Bramhall, and C. R. Marshall.

Cadets Get Another Chance.

Roy C. Hill, of Ohio, and Patrick J. Morrissey, of Massachusetts, cadets in the first class at the Military Academy, West Point, who were convicted of intoxication and sentenced to dismissal, have been given another chance by Secretary Taft. They have been set back a year, which amounts to a drop of about 107 files.

MERCURY HIGH AGAIN

March Weather Continues to Break Records.

TEMPERATURE GOES UP TO 92

Cooler for To-day, Is the Prediction of the Forecaster—Favorable Outlook for Easter Sunday—Highest Record for April is Equalled by that of the Present Month.

WEATHER FOR EASTER.

Weather forecast for Sunday—Fair, with moderate temperature. Slight winds from southwest, but no indications of rain.

TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

Forecast for to-day—Cooler, probably lasting several days.

March's hot weather record for 1907, which has broken all previous schedules, had another day added to its credit yesterday, when the temperature reached the 92 point. According to the Weather Bureau officials, however, cooler weather is promised for to-day and to-morrow, Easter.

To illustrate the unusual weather of the last eight days, which have been unusually hot for March, the highest temperature that has been experienced in April was 35 degrees on the 18th of that month last year. The lowest temperature for April since the bureau started business was the 22 point, April 19, 1875. The last "killing" frost occurred last year on May 11.

To show that cold weather and possibilities of snow are not yet altogether out of the question during this spring, the Weather Bureau states that on April 6, 1889, four inches of snow fell. This, however, is an occurrence out of the ordinary. The average number of clear days for April is eleven, with ten partly cloudy days and nine cloudy days.

Eight Days' Record.

The temperatures of the last eight days, when all records for the month of March have been smashed completely, were as follows:

March 23.....30 March 24.....34
March 25.....33 March 26.....34
March 27.....32 March 28.....34
March 29.....31 March 30.....32

At Baltimore yesterday the temperature was eighty-two degrees. Philadelphia was six degrees cooler, cooler than Washington was one of the warmest places in the country, several of the Southern cities along the Atlantic coast equalling the record here. Washingtonians had a good time yesterday despite the heat—they are sort of getting used to it. Besides, most of them had on thinner, lighter clothing. In addition, most of the people have made up their minds during the last week that summer is here, and they might as well make the best of it. So everything, everybody, and some others were on easy street in the matter of weather.

Even Police Are Happy.

Even the policemen, attired minus their heavy winter coats, were happy and comfortable yesterday.

The Weather Bureau has predicted rain for Washington for every day except Monday, since last Friday, but there has been no rain, the weather being unseasonably hot and dry for more than a week.

"We're going to have rain before Sunday," said an old policeman in the White House grounds yesterday. "You hear that old crow cawing up there in the tree? He has been around here every year for several years, and whenever he makes that noise you can depend on rain within thirty-six hours. I have never known it to fail. That rain crow is a better weather indicator than all the experts in the Weather Bureau."

DIES AFTER SECOND ATTEMPT.

Mrs. Florence A. McComas Shoots Herself Through the Heart.

Despondent because of her continued ill health, Mrs. Florence A. McComas, aged forty-five, in the second attempt to end her life within the past two months, committed suicide yesterday noon by shooting herself through the heart at her residence, 174 I street northwest.

Mrs. McComas was alone at the time. When the report of the revolver was heard, Dr. H. S. Dye, who has a suite of rooms on the floor below, rushed up the stairs to find the woman stretched at full length on the landing between the second and third floors of the house. At her side lay the smoking weapon with which she had committed the act. Mrs. McComas attempted to kill herself last February by cutting her throat with a razor while in the bathroom of her residence. She was conveyed to the Emergency Hospital, where a number of stitches were taken in the gash.

Coroner Nevitt, after viewing the body, gave a certificate of death by suicide. The body was taken to a local undertaking establishment, where it was cremated, and the burial will probably take place Sunday.

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DOUBLE BILL AT NATIONAL.

Ellen Terry and Company in Two Fine Plays Last Night.

In spite of the fact that it was Good Friday night, there was a large audience at the New National Theater last night to see Miss Ellen Terry and her fine company in their change of bill from "Captain Brassbound's Conversion." Miss Terry presented a double bill, "Nance Oldfield," a one-act comedy, and "The Good Hope," a four-act tragedy. The comedy came first.

As Nance Oldfield, Miss Terry presents herself in an accustomed aspect; gay, lighthearted, of changeable mood; a consummate actress. In a way, the comedy is a study in the theme of the theme in about the same, only in this case a young gentleman has fallen in love with the charming actress, and it is her business to disillusion him. Miss Terry plays the part of Nance Oldfield, and she plays it so charmingly that there is no wonder that she captivates the young and worthy and his lovely father who has never seen a play. In keeping her promise to the elder Oldworthy, she determines to tempt the son, and when she acts for them, she pretends to be only a mercenary. That is the theme of the play, and that is the theme of the lines of Ophelia when she says "Tibalt," and then kills it all by laughing. You see Miss Terry's business—those lines mean eighteen points to me. The comedy was delightful.

The second part of the bill was "The Good Hope," translated by Christopher St. John, from the Dutch of Helmerius Fabius. The dramatist is of the school of Ibsen, and his play is one of the saddest tragedies that has ever been seen on the American stage.

The story is one of gloom, absolutely unrelieved. There is nothing strained or unnatural about it; it is a rare and very rare picture of life, but life in its very worst phases. It is so beautifully acted by Miss Terry and her company that the truth of it bit home, and in several of the scenes last night the audience was moved to tears.

Miss Terry's work as Kjerfve, the widow whose husband died of the sorrow, was admirable in every respect, though in this play she is less the star than she would be in a play by an American author. That is one beauty of Helmerius Fabius. That is the play he is thinking of, and not the people who are to play it. Every character in this drama has something essential to do; all help in carrying the grim tragedy to its bitter and soul-stirring climax.

Miss Suzanne Sheldon as Joe, the niece of the widow, has a part which calls for the exercise of the greatest skill, and Miss Sheldon played it so that the sorrow, this poor, trusting girl, heard her in the second and third acts especially she displayed great power, and her flight at the end of the second act was a masterpiece of acting.

Mr. James Carew does excellent work in the first and second acts as Geert—much better than he did in "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," but this play is true to human nature than that. David Powell as Barend also did commendable work, as did Miss Beatrice Forbes-Robertson as the mother, and George Ingleton as the shipwright.

But the whole company was adequate to the demands made upon it, and the result was a play finely presented, convincing, and in addition, impressive. The play was staged with considerable skill, and some of its groupings, with the art of the interior shown, were as fine as paintings by the old Dutch masters. As the play progressed, the audience could ask for few friends; as a fine picture of the sorrows that human nature is called on to undergo, it is deserving of the highest praise.

FUNERAL OF J. C. LEONARD.

Services to be Conducted by Anacostia Masonic Lodge.

Funeral services over the remains of James C. Leonard, who died Thursday night at the Providence Hospital, will be held at his home, 17 Fillmore street, Anacostia, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery. The services will be under the auspices of the Anacostia Masonic Lodge, and all members have been requested to attend and escort the body to the cemetery.

Mr. Leonard was born in Newark, N. J., sixty years ago. He came to this city in early life, and became a prominent business man. He was president of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, which organization will have representatives at the funeral. He was also the treasurer of the Uniontown Building and Loan Association, and the Anacostia Citizens' Association. He was a civil war veteran, and served as inspector of fuel in the District under the administrations of Cleveland and Harrison.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Friday, March 29, 1907. A. M. The storm of Thursday moved rapidly northeastward, and the rain fell in the central and Lake region, elsewhere over the country the weather, except over the northern districts west of the Rocky Mountains, where rain fell, was clear.

The winds along the coast were again the rule in the Atlantic and East Gulf States, especially in Virginia and North Carolina, but in the greater portion of central values, the north and west and southwest it is very much cooler, with temperatures nearly normal.

There will be a storm Saturday in the Eastern Upper Lake region, New England, and portions of the Middle Atlantic States, and possibly in the interior of the United States. The storm is directed generally, except in the North Pacific States, where rains will probably continue. It will be cooler Saturday, and the temperature on Sunday moderate temperatures will prevail generally.

The winds along the New England coast will have fresh to brisk southwest to northwest; on the South Atlantic coast fresh southwest to west; on the Gulf of Mexico coast fresh to strong southerly, and on Lake Michigan brisk to west, with diminishing Saturday afternoon.

Steamers departing Saturday for European ports will have fresh to brisk southwest to west winds, with partly cloudy weather, to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperatures.

Midnight, 61; 2 a. m., 59; 4 a. m., 56; 6 a. m., 55; 8 a. m., 52; 10 a. m., 52; 12 noon, 52; 2 p. m., 52; 4 p. m., 51; 6 p. m., 52; 8 p. m., 53; 10 p. m., 51.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 87; 2 p. m., 77; 8 p. m., 40; hours of sunshine, 12½; per cent of possible sunshine, 62.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, were as follows:

City	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rain.
Ashville, N. C.	60	40	50	0.00
Atlanta, Ga.	60	40	50	0.00
Atlantic City, N. J.	61	46	51	0.00
Birmingham, Ala.	60	46	51	0.00
Boston, Mass.	60	46	51	0.00
Buffalo, N. Y.	60	46	51	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	60	46	51	0.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	60	46	51	0.00
Chester, Pa.	60	46	51	0.00
Cleveland, Ohio	60	46	51	0.00
Davenport, Iowa	60	46	51	0.00
Denver, Colo.	60	46	51	0.00
Des Moines, Iowa	60	46	51	0.00
Galveston, Texas	60	46	51	0.00
Hartford, Conn.	60	46	51	0.00
Indianapolis, Ind.	60	46	51	0.00
Jacksonville, Fla.	60	46	51	0.00
Kansas City, Mo.	60	46	51	0.00
Little Rock, Ark.	60	46	51	0.00
Marquette, Mich.	60	46	51	0.00
Memphis, Tenn.	60	46	51	0.00
New Orleans, La.	60	46	51	0.00
New York, N. Y.	60	46	51	0.00
Omaha, Neb.	60	46	51	0.00
Pittsburg, Pa.	60	46	51	0.00
Portland, Me.	60	46	51	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	60	46	51	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	60	46	51	0.00
Springfield, Ill.	60	46	51	0.00
Victoria, B. C.	60	46	51	0.00

COMMISSION APPOINTED TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR TREATING CONSUMPTION.

A Commission has been appointed by the Governor of Indiana to investigate tuberculosis conditions in the State and to make recommendations to the next general assembly of the Legislature that a state farm for the cure of consumption be established.

The Commission has prepared plans that include the expenditure of \$100,000 for the purchase of about 200 acres of good land and provide the necessary buildings, to care for about 300 people—150 male and 150 female.

This movement is quite in accord with the general tendency throughout the country looking toward the eradication of the deadly white plague. The disease is so much more easily prevented than cured that it appears criminal to neglect even the simplest precaution.

An ordinary cough or cold tends to weaken the lungs and make them especially receptive to the tubercular germ. What is probably the most efficient means to promptly check a cold or cough, is the prescription of a noted authority on lung trouble. It is claimed this will not only break up a cold quickly, but will cure any cough that is curable. The formula calls for a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), two ounces of Glycerine, and a half pint of good Whiskey. Mix well, and take a teaspoonful every four hours.

The necessary ingredients cost little and can be purchased at any good drug store. Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) is put up for dispensing only, in half ounce vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case, with an engraved wrapper, showing the name—Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), guaranteed under Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, serial number 451, prepared only by Lench Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio—plainly printed thereon. The oil sold in bulk, and the sundry cheap imitations of Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) put out under similar name and style of package are not only ineffective for the purpose, but are often dangerous. It is always well to remember that the object of an imitator is to deceive. There is no known substitute for Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure).

INQUISITORS TO TAKE REST BUREAU HOME TO BE ORIGINAL

Senate Committee Will Suspend Architects' Competition in American Brownsville Hearing Two Weeks. Republics Temple Outlined.

Witnesses Already Summoned to Be Examined Before Proposed Adjournment April 6.

Contest Restricted to Persons Residing in United States—Will Be Closed June 15.

The investigation of the Brownsville shooting and the discharge of the three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, which has been carried on for some six weeks by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, will be suspended for two weeks as soon as the witnesses already summoned here have been heard.

The date fixed for the recess is April 6, by which time it is expected all of the thirty-one witnesses now in the city will be heard and relieved from further attendance, and will permit the officers of the regiment to accompany it to the Philippines, where it has been ordered. The object of the committee is to give the members of the committee an opportunity to attend to their private affairs.

The principal witness examined yesterday was Second Lieut. Greer, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, who took command of the company of Company C the night of the shooting. His evidence, as to the events of the night, was very much the same as that given Thursday by Lieut. Lawrence, in command of Company A, except that he thought the shots sounded like those from revolvers and shotguns, not rifles. While acknowledging that soldiers might have done the shooting, he said that he did not know who he was of the opinion that the empty shells and clips in the streets of Brownsville the next morning had convinced him that the shots had been fired from Browninghouse after the shooting.

Quartermaster Sergt. McCurdy, who had charge of the ordnance stores of Company A, was recalled for further examination as to the box of empty shells from which, according to one of the theories advanced, the shells found in the town were taken; but nothing of importance was brought out.

SUES TO BREAK UP FIRM.

William H. Clifford Wants Court to Dissolve Partnership.

William H. Clifford, a member of the firm of Rogers & Clifford, undertakers, at 1224 U street northwest, yesterday filed suit against his partner, James A. Rogers, for a dissolution of the partnership and the appointment of a receiver to wind up the business of the firm.

Clifford states that the assets of the firm amount to about \$1,000 and its liabilities \$775, which, Clifford alleges, are increasing every day, owing to the expenses incident to the maintenance of the business. Attorney L. Melendez King appears for Mr. Clifford.

COUNT \$173,000,000 IN NOTES.

Big Task Expected to Require Two Weeks' Time.

In view of the fact that a count has not been made of the unsigned bank notes in the vaults of the Issue Division of the Bureau of the Comptroller of the Treasury, Comptroller Ridgely has requested the Secretary of the Treasury to assign sufficient counters to have this work done. The vaults contain about \$173,000,000 of unsigned bank notes, and it will take six clerks and eighteen counters two weeks to make the count.

There have been but two losses in the history of this bureau, the last of which was in 1885, since which time there has been issued to the banks \$3,000,000,000 without the loss of a dollar.